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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE DIPLOMAT ASYLUM REQUEST

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1. REFS B AND C OUTLINE POLICY WITH RESPECT TO REQUESTS FOR ASYLUM FROM VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD NOTE THAT SWITZERLAND, AS SIGNATOR OF PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES, HAS CLEAR POSITIVE RESPONSIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO THESE PERSONS. YOU MAY WISH TO SUGGEST THAT BUI VAN ANH
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APPROACH SWISS FOR ASSISTANCE IN SUBMITTING REQUESTS TO

UNHCR, AS EXPERIENCE SHOWS THE LATTER ORGANIZATION IS MORE RESPONSIVE TO REQUESTS SUBMITTED THROUGH HOST GOVERNMENT.

2. WHILE WE SYMPATHIZE WITH ANH'S DESIRE SETTLE IN ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRY THAT WOULD NOT QUALIFY HIM FOR ENTRY TO US. WE ARE UNDER CLEAR CONGRESSIONAL INSTRUCTION TO INTERNATIONALIZE RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES

AND CAN, THEREFORE, CONSIDER VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATS IN THIRD COUNTRIES ONLY IN CASES WHERE REAL THREAT IS INVOLVED. BOTH UK AND CANADA HAVE SHOWN SOME WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE GVN DIPLOMATS. KISSINGER

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